1.	2	3	4	5
			26	37.88
			27	0.80
			69	1.70
			75	77.00
			76	3.00
			78	76.00
			86	49.80
			59A	192.00
		SUB-TOTAL		**465.56**
		TOTAL: (1+2+3)		1249.56

Repair of National Higways in Uttaranchal

2206. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of National Highways in Uttaranchal are in need of extensive repairs;

(b) if so, the details thereof, highway-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to adopt a new technology in order to upgrade and maintain some highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether a new technology is economical; and

(f) if so, the savings to be effected in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Presently National Highways in Uttaranchal require only routine maintenance and not extensive repairs and are being kept in traffic worthy condition.

(c) and (d) New technology which includes modern technical

specifications, equipments such as Hot Mix Plant, Paver finisher etc. and new materials like Modified Bitumen, Geosynthetic etc. is already being adopted for upgradation and maintenance of National Highways. Technological upgradation is a continuous process.

(e) and (f) New technology is cost effective on life cycle cost basis.

National Road Transport Policy

2207. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Road Transport has outlined a National Road Transport Policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the main emphasis in the proposed policy is on private participation, rationalization of motor vehicles tax regime across the country, etc.;

(c) the other salient features of the proposed policy;

(d) whether his Ministry can think of involving cooperative societies to train unemployed youth in road maintenance; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) This Department had drafted a National Road Transport Policy and circulated it to the key stake holders such as State Government, concerned Central Ministries/Departments for consultation. The draft policy document envisages public-private partnership in road construction projects, rationalization of motor vehicle tax regime in order to facilitate inter-State movement of motor vehicles. Other salient aspects in the draft policy document are development of a data-base, development of backward areas, emphasis on environment, technological up-gradation, barriers on National Highways, hazards to road safety including road side hoardings, unauthorized speed brakers, overloading of motor vehicles, preventive measures for road accidents, employment generation etc.

(d) and (e) The draft National Road Transport Policy also envisages employment generation including the possibilities of formation of co-operative societies of unempolyed youths by the State Governments and